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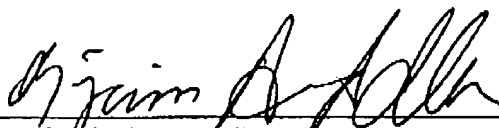
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response for the purpose of filing a Response to Office Action, mailed October 27, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for response of two months, for the above-referenced patent application, be extended for two (2) months to and including February 28, 2005. Please credit the \$225 extension fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) to the credit card identified on Form PTO-2038. Please debit any insufficiency in the fees from Deposit Account No. 07-1185 upon which the undersigned is allowed to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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